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SUBJECT: JERUSALEM ISLAMIC COUNCIL STATEMENT ON ALGIERS SUMMIT CONFERENCE

- 1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY JERUSALEM POST PUBLISHED ARTICLE DEC 4 WHICH CLAIMED THAT JERUSALEM ISLAMIC COUNCIL DECLARED ITS SUPPORT OF THE PLO AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF PALESTINIANS. ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY ANAN SAFADI, CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AMONG COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE REPORTED TO VIEW STORY AS DISTORTION OF THEIR STATEMENTS.
- 2. ARABIC DAILY EL QUDS PUBLISHED TEXT OF THE CAUTIOUSLY WORDED COUNCIL STATEMENT ON DEC 5. IT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT PLO REPRESENTATION, BUT PROFESSES SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTIONS OF SUMMIT CONFERENCE, "WHICH FURTHER UNITY OF ARAB NATIONS...".

  COMMENT: ISLAMIC COUNCIL CONSISTS OF ABOUT 20 LEADING ARABS OF EAST JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK SOME OF WHOM (ANWAR EL KHATIB, ANWAR NUSEIBEH, E.G.) ARE CONSIDERED HASHEMITE LOYALISTS.

  COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR PLO WOULD THEREFORE BE OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE.

  COUNCIL'S STATEMENT WAS CAREFULLY DRAFTED, HOWEVER, AND APPEARED DESIGNED TO QUALIFY SUPPORT FOR SUMMIT ACTIONS WITH VAGUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERALITIES ABOU ARAB UNITY, ETC. STATEMENT NEVERTHELESS

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